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**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-01607-EGS**

PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. v. U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE et al  
Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/10/2017  
Date Terminated: 07/02/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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PROJECT, INC.**

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**Defendant**

**OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND  
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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/10/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against ALL DEFENDANTS ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5070181) filed by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhs. A-H, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons, # <u>6</u> Summons, # <u>7</u> Summons)(Florence, Justin) (Entered: 08/10/2017)
08/10/2017		Case Assigned to Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. (md) (Entered: 08/11/2017)

08/11/2017	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Corrected Summonses by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. re <u>1</u> Complaint, (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons AG, # <u>2</u> Summons DOJ, # <u>3</u> Summons OMB, # <u>4</u> Summons Treasury)(Florence, Justin) (Entered: 08/11/2017)
08/14/2017	<u>3</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are directed to read the attached Standing Order Governing Civil Cases Before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan in its entirety upon receipt. The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives in the attached Standing Order. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 08/14/17. (Attachment: Exhibit 1) (mac) (Entered: 08/14/2017)
08/15/2017	<u>4</u>	Corporate Disclosure Statement by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.. (Florence, Justin) (Entered: 08/15/2017)
08/15/2017	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (5) Issued Electronically as to OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(nmw) (Entered: 08/15/2017)
09/08/2017	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 8/28/2017. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 9/27/2017. (Florence, Justin) (Entered: 09/08/2017)
09/08/2017	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 08/28/2017. (Florence, Justin) (Entered: 09/08/2017)
09/08/2017	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET served on 8/28/2017; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 8/28/2017; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY served on 8/28/2017 (Florence, Justin) (Entered: 09/08/2017)
09/27/2017	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Kathryn Celia Davis on behalf of OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY (Davis, Kathryn) (Entered: 09/27/2017)
09/27/2017	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.(Davis, Kathryn) (Entered: 09/27/2017)
10/06/2017		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552. The parties are directed to meet and confer and propose a joint scheduling order for further proceedings in this case by no later than November 1, 2017. The parties' joint proposed scheduling order shall address the following: (1) The status of plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) The anticipated number of documents responsive to plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) The anticipated date(s) for release of documents responsive to plaintiff's FOIA request; (4) Whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case; (5) Whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case; (6) Whether this case would benefit from referral to a magistrate judge or the District Court Mediation Program for purposes of settlement; and (7) A proposed briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if applicable. If the parties are unable to agree on a joint recommendation, the proposed scheduling order shall include each party's individual recommendations. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on October 6, 2017. (lcegs2) (Entered: 10/06/2017)
10/06/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Proposed Joint Scheduling Order due by 11/1/2017. (zcdw) (Entered: 10/07/2017)
11/01/2017	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Davis, Kathryn) (Entered: 11/01/2017)
11/29/2017	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Davis, Kathryn) (Entered: 11/29/2017)
11/30/2017		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>7</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report, including a recommendation for further proceedings

		by no later than January 29, 2018. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on November 30, 2017. (lcegs2) (Entered: 11/30/2017)
12/01/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/29/2018. (mac) (Entered: 12/01/2017)
01/29/2018	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Davis, Kathryn) (Entered: 01/29/2018)
02/02/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>13</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report, including a recommendation for further proceedings by no later than March 29, 2018. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on February 2, 2018. (lcegs2) (Entered: 02/02/2018)
02/05/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/29/2018. (mac) (Entered: 02/05/2018)
03/29/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Davis, Kathryn) (Entered: 03/29/2018)
04/09/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>14</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report, including a recommendation for further proceedings by no later than June 29, 2018. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on April 9, 2018. (lcegs2) (Entered: 04/09/2018)
04/10/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/29/2018. (mac) (Entered: 04/10/2018)
06/29/2018	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Davis, Kathryn) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
06/29/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>15</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to submit a further status report with a recommendation for further proceedings, if any, by no later than December 31, 2018. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on June 29, 2018. (lcegs2) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
07/02/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/31/2018. (mac) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
12/21/2018	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Davis, Kathryn) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
01/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>16</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by no later than July 1, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 1/2/2019. (lcegs2) (Entered: 01/02/2019)
01/03/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Further Joint Status Report due by 7/1/2019. (mac) (Entered: 01/03/2019)
01/10/2019	<u>17</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay <i>Defendants Monthly Review and Processing Obligations in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Davis, Kathryn) (Entered: 01/10/2019)
01/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>17</u> unopposed motion for stay in light of lapse of appropriations. Defendants are directed to file a joint status report by no later than seven days after Congress has appropriated funds for the affected agencies. The status report shall include a recommendation for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 1/11/2019. (lcegs2) (Entered: 01/11/2019)
02/01/2019	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Davis, Kathryn) (Entered: 02/01/2019)

02/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>18</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by no later than July 1, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 2/1/2019. (lcegs2) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
02/04/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/1/2019. (mac) (Entered: 02/04/2019)
07/01/2019	<u>19</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.. (Tindall, Anne) (Entered: 07/01/2019)